



Learning

Responsibility

Safety

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

It was wonderful to see so many parents take the opportunity to catch up with their children's teachers last Tuesday evening. I know staff really found the meetings beneficial as the success to students reaching their full potential comes when parents and teachers work together. Please remember our school strongly promotes an open door policy and that you are very welcome to make an appointment with your child's teacher or myself at any time throughout the year.

This week's newsletter is a true indication of life at Gundagai Public School. Students are continually being exposed to a broad range of learning experiences and extra curricula activities and I hope you can see what an exciting and stimulating educational environment your children are engaged in.

Congratulations to all students for displaying the values of Learning, Responsibility and Safety and reaching the first step of our Positive Behaviour for Learning rewards. This Wednesday will be an **Out Of Uniform Day**. We are all very proud of you for reaching this goal so quickly.

**THE TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online by students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and information about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 27 February**.

**MARCH ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE**



Joshua Daley  
Clarity Glazebrook

Sierra Anderson  
Lillian Crane

Laura Daley  
Annie Triggs

Jayelle Britt  
Evie Jones

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Congratulations and well done to the entire student body for earning 500 tokens and reaching our first step of success – an out of uniform day. This will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Students are now aiming to reach our next benchmark of 1000 tokens, which will see them rewarded with an ice block.



## SOUNDS of the MOUNTAINS

each Wednesday at 10.15 am on FM 94.3. Our hosts this week are Phoebe Lotz and Braith Clark.



## HIGHLANDS TRIALS

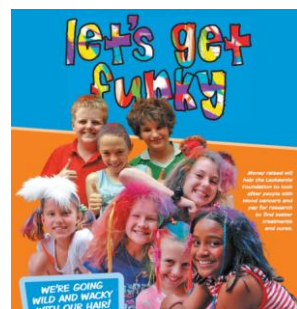
The **Pre-selection Riverina Boys AFL trials** are being held tomorrow. Good luck to Riley Bethune, Jared Elphick, Jock Triggs, Kaidan Bell, Jack Lloyd and Caleb Piper

The **Highlands Soccer trials** are being held this coming Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at Tumbarumba. Good luck to Cody Bell, Caleb Piper, William Murray, Kane Lindley, Toby Dasey, Jack Lloyd, Jock Triggs, Riley Bethune, Lochlan Bower, Max Eccleston, Cohan Rowley and Kaidan Bell.

## SRC FUNKY HAIR DAY- save the date.

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March Gundagai Public School's SRC will be hosting a Funky Hair Day to help raise awareness and funds to give to the Leukaemia Foundation to continue research to make a difference.

We encourage all students to become involved in this event by coming dressed out of school uniform and bringing in a gold coin donation. A prize will be rewarded to the student with the funkier hair style so start thinking about what you might do



## BACKYARD LEAGUE

All primary students were introduced to Backyard League today. This program is an exciting initiative introducing students to Rugby League in a safe, non-competitive and fun environment. NRL Development Officer Luke, will be working with our students over the next three Mondays. The program equips students to play a version of league in any environment while delivering important education, health and welfare messages. All activities are modified to encourage maximum involvement and enjoyment for all participants and gauging from our students reactions, all enjoyed taking part in the first session.



## GALLIPOLI GOODIES



## Gallipoli Goodies Day a Huge Success

A big thank you to all those students, parents and families that provided cakes, slices, biscuits and 'toffees' for last weeks fundraiser. We are very pleased to be able to donate those funds raised back into our community by supporting the local 'Light Horsemen' and the 'Gundagai Museum'. We very much appreciate their precious time and efforts to help raise the awareness and importance of past Australians and their valuable contribution to our country. The sum of \$230 was raised.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

<b>Kinder</b>	Cain Turner
<b>Year 1</b>	Elena Loukissas
<b>Year 2</b>	Walt Bishop
<b>Year 3</b>	Ryan Anderson
<b>Year 4</b>	Ryan Saltmarsh
<b>Year 5</b>	Toby Dasey
<b>Year 5/6</b>	Wesley Murray
<b>Year 6</b>	Syliva Johnson-Pollard



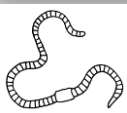
# Classroom Capers



Spotlight on:

## Year 1

Year 1 is  
having great  
fun  
investigating  
creatures





## STAGE 3 HANDBALL COMPETITION

The Stage 3 Handball competition (as part of the Inter-House Competition) has come to a close with Freeman proving to have some of the best Handball players within the school. Abbey Polsen and Matilda Carberry used their 'GIRL POWER' to take Handball glory from fellow Freeman competitors Taleika Worldon and Lochlan Bower. Playing off for the 3<sup>rd</sup> position saw Bella Brain and Braydon Tutty compete against Elysha Anderson and Ben Hughes. Though it was a close contest Elysha and Ben proved to be the eventual winners giving Freeman every place on the podium.

With the Handball part now complete Freeman now are in a commanding lead for the Inter-House Competition: Freeman 33 points; Rafter 13 points; Perkins 7 points



## P & C NEWS

### P&C MEETING

The next P & C meeting will be held tomorrow night, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 6.00 pm. All welcome to attend.

### FRESH FRIDAY

The canteen will be open at recess on Fridays selling:

Popcorn	\$1.00
Fruit slices	50 cents
Fruit Salad	80 cents
Fruit Salad and Yoghurt	\$1.00
Vegie Sticks and Dip	\$1.00



### ROSTER 10.45 to 11.45 am

13 <sup>th</sup> March	Kelly Robb and Ann Streckfuss
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Kelly Robb and Nicole Wescombe
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Kelly Robb and Rebecca Cotterill

### CLOTHING POOL

The clothing pool is open every THURSDAY from 9.00 am to 10.00 am for the purchase of new and used uniforms. If you are unable to attend the clothing shop on Thursday mornings, orders can be sent into school. Please enclose payment. Orders will be filled and sent home with your child.

### CANTEEN ROSTER ~ TERM 1

Week 7	Monday 9 March	Wednesday 11 March
	Yolande Bowditch and Rebecca Gorman	Aileen Parker and Shannon Whiting
Week 8	Monday 16 March	Wednesday 18 March
	Rebecca Britt	Lin Murray and Tracey Ingold

## COMMUNITY NEWS.....

**JUNIOR NETBALL CAMP** - 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the Equex Centre Wagga, for players aged 7 to 14 years.

**Brochure available from the office.**

**ADVENTURE ZONE JUNGLE FEVER KIDS CAMP** - 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> April for school kids in Years 3-6 at Bimbadeen Christian Camp Centre.

**Brochure available from the office.**

**MOUTHGUARDS** – Gary Barutzki, Mouthguard technician from the Gundagai Dental Clinic will be visiting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Impressions can be taken at school on this day.

**Order forms are available from the office** if you are interested in getting a mouthguard for your child.

**GUNDAGAI JUNIOR SOCCER** registrations now being taken online.

**Flyer available from the office.**

Nutrition Snippet

### The simplest way

...to put healthy treats in your kid's lunch.

This delicious **Blueberry + Banana bread recipe** is fruit-filled and tasty!

**Ingredients**  
olive or canola oil spray  
3 ripe bananas, peeled  
1/2 cup raw sugar (80g)  
1/2 cup reduced-fat milk  
2 eggs  
2 cups self-raising flour  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
1 cup frozen blueberries

**Method**  
Preheat oven to 220°C and spray a 20 x 10cm loaf tin with oil - line base and sides with non-stick baking paper. Mash bananas in a large bowl. Add sugar, milk and eggs and mix with a fork until well combined. Sift flours and cinnamon on top of mixture. Mix ingredients together until just combined, taking care not to over-mix, then gently fold through blueberries. Spoon mixture into prepared loaf tin and smooth the surface. Bake for 35-40 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean from the middle.

**Hint**  
When cool, slice and freeze individual pieces in snap lock bags and keep for up to 3 months. Send to school as a healthy treat!

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